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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/813,769

Applicant(s)

MAKOFKA ET AL.

Examiner

David Y Jung

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 January 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/14/2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claims Presented

Claims 1-32 are presented.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sirois et al. (cited by Applicant, Securing the Nimrod Routing Architecture, 19996, IEEE, pages 74-84)) .

In regard to claim 1, Sirois teaches a method of securing information, the method comprising:

obtaining a ... to the information (page 75, the first two paragraph, i.e. information regarding routing infrastructure), ; and

performing a security check regarding the ... (age 75, the last paragraph, i.e., protecting against attack and control of a router).

These passages of Sirois do not explicitly use the term "path" in the sense of the claim. Instead, these passages of Sirois note the router.

It was well known in the art to check paths by looking at the router for the motivation of getting information regarding path setting (because the router sets the paths).

It would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the claimed invention, to modify the teachings of Sirois so as to teach the cited features of the claimed invention (and thereby teach the claimed invention) for the motivation stated in the previous sentences.

Regarding claim 2 (server/client, etc.) claim 3 (authentication, etc.) claim 4 (user access, etc.), claim 5 (authentication on user access, etc.), these features are well known in the art for the motivation of protecting the network. Sirois itself (page 75, left column) points to how the protection of its router infrastructure in such fashions would lead to protecting the network.

Regarding claims 6-10 (system), 11-15 (apparatus), 16-20, 21-25, 26-30, 31-32, these claims are various hardware/software implementation analogs of claims 1-5 in the cases of claims 6-10, claims 11-15, claims 16-20, claims 21-25, claims 26-30, and of claims 1-2 in the case of claims 31-32. For the reasons noted in the rejections of claims 1-5, claims 6-32 are not patentable.

Conclusion

The art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The art disclosed general background

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Patent Examiner

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